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IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH GEN WEYAND AND ME DURING TRIP OUTSIDE BUCHAREST, GENERAL COMAN HAS REFERRED IN PASSING TO PRESS SPECULATION AND A VARIETY OF INQUIRIES ABOUT HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. AND GENERAL WEYAND'S TRIP HERE. HE NOTED THAT HE CONSISTENTLY TAKES THE APPROACH THAT THESE VISITS HAVE AS THEIR AIM BETTER ACQUAINTANCE ON BOTH SIDES AND THAT'S ALL. IN COMMENTING ON HIS REFERENCE TO THE RECENT TIME MAGAZINE STORY, I TOLD HIM WE STILL HAD THE ROMANIAN LIST OF MILITARY ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON AND THAT THERE WERE, AS HE KNEW, A NUMBER OF POLITICAL AND LEGAL COMPLICATIONS CONNECTED WITH ROMANIA'S BEING A MEMBER OF THE WARSAW PACT. TO THIS HE RESPONDED THAT ALL THIS WAS SOMETHING ABOUT WHICH THERE WAS NO HURRY. WHAT WAS IMPORTANT NOW, HE ADDED, WAS THAT GEN WEYAND'S VISIT BE A GOOD ONE.
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